

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

July 3, 2002

MAIL ALL UST SITE ASSESSMENTS TO REGIONAL OFFICES

Please mail all underground storage tank (UST) site assessments, as well as aboveground storage tank (AST) site assessments that show a discharge to the environment, directly to our regional offices. We are no longer receiving these reports in DNR's main office in Madison. If your site assessment data shows contamination, you should also fax the data to the region in advance of sending the full write-up, in order to comply with the immediate reporting requirements of the hazardous substance discharge law (s. 292.11, Wis. Stats.). Site assessment reports should be addressed to the following people:

Northeast Region: Cyndi Egtvedt, 1298 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay 54307

Northern Region, until Aug. 1: Danielle Lancour, 107 Sutcliffe Ave., Rhinelander 54501

Northern Region, after Aug. 1: Danielle Lancour, Box 310, 223 E Steinfest Rd, Antigo, WI 54409

Southern Region: Wendy Weihemuller, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd., Fitchburg 53711

Southeast Region: Vicky Stovall, 2300 N. Martin Luther King Dr., Milwaukee 53212

West Central Region: Ann Hake, 1300 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire 54702

We encourage consultants and contractors doing site assessments to include petroleum volatile organic compounds (PVOCs) in their UST & AST reports. When PVOCs are included with GRO or DRO data, it is easier for regional staff to determine whether any follow-up actions will be needed after a tank site assessment.

FEDERAL BROWNFIELDS/SUPERFUND LEGISLATION REMINDER

In January President Bush signed the federal Brownfields Reform and Small Business Liability Relief Act. The brownfields components give prospective redevelopers assurances that the federal government will not come after them for past pollution at redevelopment sites. This is aimed at protecting innocent parties such as the owners of property adjacent to contaminated sites, prospective site purchasers, and landowners that did not contribute to the contamination of their property. The bill also provides assurances to the states that the federal government will not later override brownfields cleanup decisions under state programs.

This bill also adds a small business liability exemption to the Superfund law, shielding businesses from the cost of a Superfund cleanup if they did not contribute a significant amount of non-hazardous waste to the site and did not add any hazardous wastes. EPA says this should reduce litigation by differentiating between large contributors of toxic waste and small businesses that disposed of only small amounts of waste or ordinary trash. For more information on this legislation, please see EPA's web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/html-doc/2869sum.htm>

UPDATE OF CONSULTANTS LIST FOR THE PUBLIC

The RR Program is conducting our quarterly update of our list of consultants available to do environmental investigation and cleanup.

This is a simple "name, address & phone number" listing of consultants who have identified themselves as doing work in Wisconsin. It is intended to help responsible persons locate consultants available for hire in different geographic areas of the state - the list is sorted by municipality. This list is not an endorsement or certification of consultants. The list (publication RR-024) is on our web at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR024.pdf> Please contact Megan Clemens at megan.clemens@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-261-4391 to add or amend an entry for your consulting business.

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